

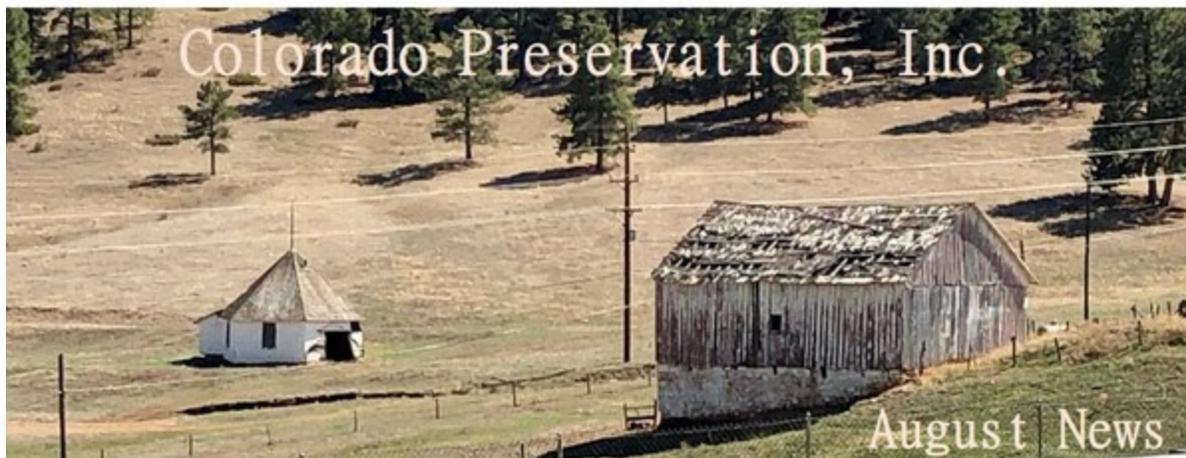


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## August 2019 Newsletter

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CPI's Colorado's Most Endangered Places Program is greater than a list of threatened resources that our organization has been working with over the years. The EPP program is built on a foundation of community, perseverance and partnership. For many of you who have been a part of Colorado Preservation, Inc. over the years, you have watched with us as our listed sites advance from categories of Alert to Progress and ideally Saved. What may not be as easily seen for each site is the hours of dedication, commitment, and collaboration that occurs behind the scenes to bring positive change to a threatened resource. This month with our call for our 2020 EPP nominations closed, I would like to bring your attention to the power of Colorado's Most Endangered Places Program, as demonstrated through recent developments at Schaffer's Crossing.

The octagonal building (pictured above) resting in the valley at Schaffer's Crossing is a landmark all too familiar to drivers headed along US-285. Just 35 miles southwest of Denver in Jefferson County lies an area where the old stagecoach route crossed Elk Creek. The Elk Creek Barn and octagon building are all that remains of the larger property owned by the Schaffer family. These two landmarks have a history steeped in community. Early homesteaders danced on Saturdays at the octagon building, listened to the many legendary jazz bands perform in the 1920s and 1930s. It served as a grange hall, community center, church, and even housed sheep. The circa 1903 white barn stored hay above and held horses below. Today, the folk art paintings remain on the interior, hinting of its earlier prime, but the building remains open and unprotected.

When CPI began working with this property in 2018, there was much support for the preservation of the structures, but with limited funds and need for the buildings, the Archdiocese of Denver did not have a plan for the building. Over the last year, CPI met with Archdiocese staff and recently we brought professionals to the property to assess its condition and prioritize needs. Thanks to this new partnership, CPI will be working with the Archdiocese to plan a mothballing or weekend workshop at the site to minimize future damage and stabilize critical components before the winter. EPP affords CPI the ability to work directly with property owners, members of the community and demonstrate the importance of

saving places. All of this is thanks to the support and partnership of History Colorado and the State Historical Fund through which the program receives its funding.

Next time you are on 285 and see the unassuming octagonal building and barn, know that there are those working on-the-ground to tell the importance of places like these and identify how they can be incorporated into the bigger picture. Pass by and give a nod to this endangered place that has sprouted new wings.

If you'd like to join the waitlist for our last technical workshop on Timber on September 9, [email our staff](#). Thanks to our partners at Humphries Poli Architects, Building Restoration Specialties, and the Mighty Argo Mill for making this happen and to the speakers who generously donated their time and locations to CPI. Enjoy our newsletter and stories from on the road!

For our Past, Present, and Future,



Jennifer Orrigo Charles  
Executive Director



## Save the Date!

Colorado Preservation, Inc (CPI) is proud to present the 2020 Saving Places® Conference, a dynamic four-day event featuring high-quality educational content and networking opportunities for individuals, organizations, and communities working with historic and cultural places. Last year, the conference brought together over 800 individuals from across the state and 19 states around the country. This year, you can expect engaging content from over 100 speakers, 80 sessions, roundtable discussions (NEW for 2020), workshops, and tours. Sessions range from beginner to advanced content with AIA, AIA HSW, APA, and Educator credits available.

**[Saving Places® 2020: a Focus on the Future](#)**

The theme of the 2020 conference will take a special look at different ways education impacts historic preservation, archaeology, planning, and associated fields. Content will emphasize how to educate the public on the importance of saving places, how to engage communities intergenerationally, and how to build partnerships. **How do we focus on the future with a clear vision of the past?**

**The Saving Places Conference  
is open to all!**

Wednesday – Saturday  
January 29 – February 1, 2020  
Sheraton Downtown Denver Hotel  
[I.M. Pei Tower](#)



[Check our website](#) for more information and to register in the fall. We'll announce when registration is open.

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## Membership with CPI

Now is a great time to become a member or renew your membership with CPI. With an annual membership, businesses, agencies, and individuals receive a 30% discount on [Saving Places conference registration cost](#).

Our membership keeps up with all the latest happenings in preservation in Colorado. Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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# CPI Membership

## On the Road with Jane

Our Preservation Services Director, Jane Daniels, has been on the road visiting project sites in the western half of Colorado. She had a great time getting out and checking in on projects that were either just beginning, in process, or held in perpetuity. Here's a brief update from her travels:



**Dunn's Block Building** – CPI is working with two local preservationists to purchase the Dunn's Block, a languishing Masonic Lodge, in the town of Saguache with the help of the State Historical Fund. CPI is sponsoring the grant on their behalf to assist in their goals to rehabilitate the building and help spur vitality in the downtown.



**4UR Mill and Ranch/Resort** – Outside of South Fork, the preservation-minded owners and operators of the historic 4UR Ranch and Mill are working hard to preserve and promote their unique resources. With a grant from the State Historical Fund, CPI has sponsored this project to place the Mill (successfully added in May!) and the Ranch and Resort (in process) to the National Register of Historic Places and will also be working with them in their efforts to stabilize parts of the Mill.



**Shenandoah Dives Mill** – CPI holds an easement on this former historic gold mill outside of Silverton. The San Juan County Historical Society is the wonderful steward of this Mill, a National Landmark and National Register of Historic Places site. CPI holds an easement on the property ensuring that the Mill will retain its history integrity for the benefit of the public in perpetuity.



**Walker Cabin** – Located outside of Delta in the Escalante Canyon, CPI is assisting the Western Colorado Interpretive Association to administer a grant from the State Historical Fund to stabilize and restore the Cabin to the turn of the century when the canyon was first homesteaded. As one of only two remaining historic homesteading resources in the newly established Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area, the Cabin will help interpret the history of early settlement and agriculture in the area.

This trip and our work around the state reminds us of what amazing stewards of historic resources we have in Colorado! CPI is so proud to represent and assist them in their important historic preservation efforts.

To find out more about CPI and Jane's work in the organization's preservation services department, [click here](#).

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## Supporters "Ride the Trolley to Save A Trolly"!



Supporters came out on a beautiful summer evening to take a ride through the Platte Valley on The Denver Trolley as part of a fundraising effort by The Friends of the .04 Trolley to save the last streetcar to operate in Denver. The .04 Trolley served Arvada, Leyden and Golden in its heyday and was the last streetcar in revenue service to complete its final journey before the Denver Tramway streetcar era ended in 1950. The .04 Trolley was listed on Colorado's Most Endangered Places in 2015 and a grant to begin rehabilitation was received by the City of Arvada in 2018. Most recently, the streetcar was moved in a delicate and perfectly executed operation from a storage lot where it had lived,

wrapped up in a tarp, for over 15 years. S/D Enterprises, Inc. moved the streetcar to Cheyenne where it will be rehabilitated by Wasatch Railroad Contractors and Empire Carpentry, before returning to Arvada for display and interpretation.

CPI thanks RTD representative Shelley Cook, who provided a great historical overview of the streetcar's role in the settlement of Denver, as well as The Denver Trolley and its motormen who guided the participants on the route through the Platte Valley, for their help with the fundraiser. Lori and Roger Drienka provided music, and wines from Wild Women Wines made for a special evening for all. The Friends of the .04 Trolley also thank Wally Weart for saving the streetcar many years ago and leading the effort for its restoration. For information or to donate to support the Friends of the .04 Trolley, please call CPI at 303-893-4260 x 222.



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## Iglesia de San Antonio/Tiffany Catholic Church Added to La Plata County Historic Register



The La Plata County Historic Preservation Review Committee unanimously voted to nominate the Iglesia de San Antonio/Tiffany Catholic Church to the County's historic register last week, which will now go before the County Commissioners for final approval. The beautiful little adobe and stucco church, lovingly watched over by generations of caretaker families, was built using local labor and materials in 1928 in Tiffany, about 35 miles southeast of Durango. According to the *Durango Herald*, "The church stands as one of the few remaining buildings built by Hispanic communities in southern Colorado and northern New Mexico that moved north in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century to create towns

on the then-new route of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad."

Efforts to preserve the church have moved forward, beginning with its listing on Colorado's Most Endangered Places in 2019. A preliminary structure assessment has been completed. The nomination to the local historic register was prepared by Ruth Lambert, PhD of the San Juan Mountains

Association, with the help of local supporters. CPI is proud to support preservation efforts for the church to honor the heritage of hard-working Hispano families and their contributions to Colorado's History.

## UPCOMING Events

### **National Trust for Historic Preservation Conference**

[PastForwardConference.org](http://PastForwardConference.org) // October 10-12 // Denver, CO

Register today for the premier educational and networking event for those who are passionate about saving places, PastForward 2019, October 10-12 in Denver. PastForward creates an unmatched opportunity to network, learn, and be inspired. PastForward 2019 will address compelling themes including women's history and rural and saving urban neighborhoods. Sign up for updates, including how to livestream select programming for free, at [PastForwardConference.org](http://PastForwardConference.org).



### **Downtown Colorado, Inc.**

[Small City, Big Ideas: A DCI Downtown Institute](#) // September 10 // Manitou Springs, CO



### **Colorado Tourism Office Conference**

[Colorado Governor's Tourism Conference](#) // September 29-October 1 // Denver, CO





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## Seen on Colfax Avenue



Glen Weseloh of Morry's Neon Signs works on the Eddie Bohn Pig & Whistle sign on West Colfax Avenue on a recent summer day. Slowly but surely, momentum to preserve the Neon Signs of Colfax is increasing.

The Neon Signs of Cofax were listed on Colorado's Most Endangered Places in 2014. [Learn more here.](#)

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